

St. John's Lutheran Church

Quarterly Meeting

July 24-25, 2021

1. Opening prayer
2. Call Meeting to order
3. Approval of minutes of April 2021 Quarterly Meeting
4. Financial report
5. Senior Pastor's Report
6. Associate Pastor's Report
7. Handicapped Accessibility Team
8. Technology Visioning Team
9. Other reports
10. Other items
11. Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Quarterly Meetings

April 24-25, 2021

Opening Prayer and Call Meeting to Order-President Neva Warren called the meeting to order and opened with prayer after the Saturday night service, April 24, at 6:48 P.M.

President Neva Warren called the meetings to order and opened with prayer on Sunday, April 25, after Early Service at 9:05 A.M. and before the Late Service at 11:00 A.M.

Vice President Aaron Clark called the meeting to order after Contemporary service at 11:42 A.M. and opened with prayer.

Packets were distributed containing: an agenda, the monthly financial statement through March 2021, Senior Pastor's Report, Associate Pastor's Report, Accessibility Report, Youth Staff Report, and the Business Manager's Report.

Financial Report-Dan Yeater reported the financial position of the operating fund is strong. We are currently operating slightly under budget at this point. He reminded us that benevolence funds are always used for benevolence, never as operating funds. Members continue to give to the Good Samaritan Fund which has been used to help others as needed.

Saturday night a motion to approve the report was made by Ralph Johnston, seconded by Margie Kennell. Motion was approved. Early service motion to approve the report was made by Pam Wittenberg, seconded by Karen Grossman. Motion was approved. Late service a motion to approve the report was made by Pr. Ray Rosenthal, seconded by Bob Swanson. Motion was approved. Contemporary worship a motion was made by Dave Shrum to approve the report, seconded by John Lechner. Motion was approved.

Senior Pastor's Report-Pastor Seth Jersild highlighted two items from his written report. A Technology Team has been formed to ensure that we are able to post high quality worship and educational materials easily and efficiently online. The team will determine hardware updates that are needed. They will also make recommendations regarding the church website. An additional focus will be on our use of electronic media throughout the building. This will also be a part of the Accessibility study. The goal of this team is to present a unified plan for how to address these issues.

Pastor Seth also gave an update on the search for a new Director of Music. Dr. John Schuder will be retiring at the end of June after serving our congregation for the past 12 years. A team has been formed to find his replacement. Dr. Schuder has been helping the team with suggesting where to post the position, lining up substitute organists for July and August, and helping the team prepare interview questions. A reception is in the planning stages.

Associate Pastor's Report-Pastor Patti Morlock highlighted the scripture that began her written report. She reported that we have helped 25 people through the Good Samaritan Fund since January. People are still in need of our help during these times.

Handicapped Accessibility Team-Dan Yeater explained the goals of this team. The team has compiled a list of concerns. They have contacted three architects that have experience in the areas of historical buildings, churches, and handicapped accessibility issues. The team's goal is to have a plan ready to present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January 2022. At that time they will present their findings and let us know their recommendations.

Other Reports-Members were asked to read the other written reports in the Quarterly Meeting packet.

Other Items – Reopening Update-Council's consensus is that provided masks are worn and social distancing is practiced, the staff has discretion to resume in-person ministry as they have see fit and as they have volunteers available. Please note that masks are to be worn when inside the building.

Adjournment-A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Beth Katterhenrich and seconded by Theresa Wahl. The motion was approved. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Bentley, Secretary

St. John's Lutheran Church

Monthly Financial Statement
Prepared 7/10/2021

June 2021

| Monthly/Year to Date Major Funds | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Month of: | June | Year to Date |
| Income | | |
| Current | \$49,660.10 | \$306,827.67 |
| Benevolence | \$4,541.89 | \$30,902.66 |
| Building & Maint. | \$8,962.76 | \$68,683.55 |
| Total Operating Income | \$63,164.75 | \$406,413.88 |
| Expenses | | |
| Current | \$52,751.14 | \$287,624.29 |
| Benevolence | \$11,013.94 | \$22,522.23 |
| Building & Maint. | \$20,247.44 | \$74,014.81 |
| Total Operating Expense | \$84,012.52 | \$384,161.33 |
| Fund Differences | | |
| Current | (\$3,091.04) | \$ 19,203.38 |
| Benevolence | (\$6,472.05) | \$ 8,380.43 |
| Building & Maint. | (\$11,284.68) | \$ (5,331.26) |
| Totals | (\$20,847.77) | \$ 22,252.55 |

| Approved Non-Budgeted Expenditures | |
|--|-------------------|
| Account | Year to Date |
| Current | \$0.00 |
| Benevolence (Previous Year/Designated) | \$3,272.23 |
| Building & Maintenance | \$0.00 |
| Total Income | \$3,272.23 |

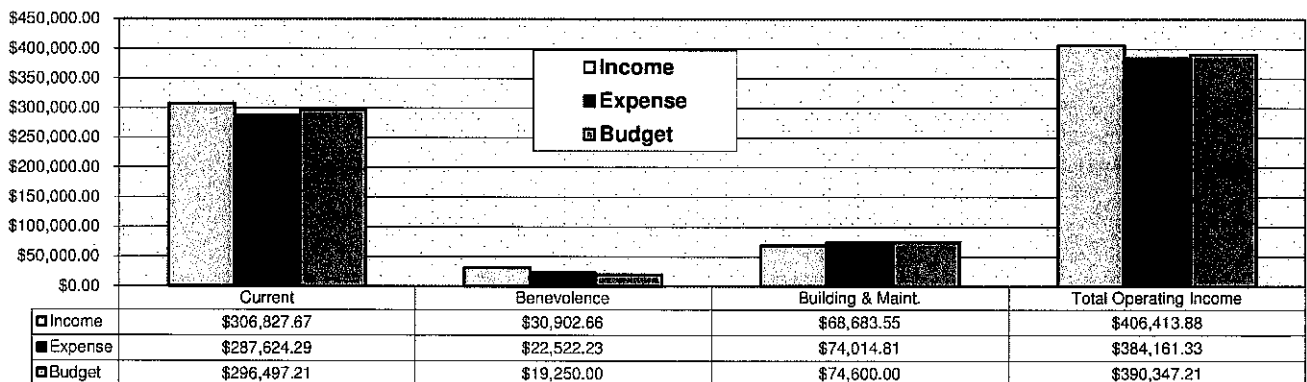
| Budget Comparison - Year to Date | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Budget vs. Actual thru | June 2021 | |
| Account | Budget | Actual |
| Current - Budgeted | \$296,497.21 | \$287,624.29 |
| Benevolence - Budgeted | \$19,250.00 | \$22,522.23 |
| Bldg & Maint - Budgeted | \$74,600.00 | \$74,014.81 |
| Totals | \$390,347.21 | \$384,161.33 |

Budgeted expenditures listed above do not include spending approved from the three (3) operating accounts separate from the budget. These expenditures were approved by either the Council or congregation. They include items such as "pass-through" designated benevolence, benevolence funds received at the end of last year but spent this year, and particular maintenance or capital improvement items.

| Open Loan (Principle Reduction) | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Month of: | June 2021 | Since Inception |
| Current | \$0.00 | |

The charts below show total income and expense, rather than budgeted items only.

| Fund Balances: End of Month Balanced | |
|---|--------------|
| Account Name | Amount |
| OPERATING: | |
| Operating -- Current + B&M | \$139,401.44 |
| Benevolence | \$29,142.00 |
| Organ & Renovations Debt Reduction Fund | \$2,694.97 |
| DESIGNATED: | |
| Genesis Fund | \$3,181.88 |
| Youth Designated Fund | \$20,759.92 |
| MOPS Designated Fund | \$3,760.26 |
| Sarah Circle & Elizabeth Circle | \$523.60 |
| Beacons | \$206.00 |
| Bed Brigade Ministry | \$18,985.84 |
| Bereavement Dinner Ministry | \$1,725.83 |
| Designated Funds Interest | \$189.60 |
| MEMORIAL: | |
| Memorial Fund Unrestricted Savings | \$52,048.70 |
| Memorial Restricted (M/R) Library | \$311.74 |
| M/R Handbell | \$4,591.82 |
| M/R Kitchen | \$5,223.83 |
| M/R Music | \$4,872.47 |
| M/R Youth Camp Memorials | \$849.93 |
| M/R Youth | \$4,189.18 |
| M/R OWLs | \$607.80 |
| M/R Special One-Time Account | \$29,909.98 |
| M/R Van Fund | \$0.00 |
| M/R Puppet Ministry | \$1,350.81 |
| M/R Mission Trip Gen | \$27,553.65 |
| M/R Mission Trip Alaska | \$11,754.36 |
| M/R Mission Trip Mexico | \$13,783.80 |
| M/R Columbarium Fund | \$13,980.00 |
| M/R Bell Tower Carrillon | \$2,000.00 |
| ENDOWMENT-PRINCIPAL: | |
| Endowment/Gen/Restricted/Principal | \$406,039.25 |
| Endowment/Prop/Restricted/Principal | \$234,404.64 |
| Endowment/Youth/Restricted/Principal | \$32,395.25 |
| Cemetery Endowment Principal | \$45,000.00 |
| Unrealized Appr/(Depr) | \$156,336.80 |
| ENDOWMENT-AVAILABLE INCOME: | |
| Endowment/Gen/Available Income | \$19,845.92 |
| Endowment/Prop/Available Income | \$7,630.99 |
| Endowment/Youth/Available Income | \$3,505.66 |
| Cemetery Available-HNB Premium MM | \$4,767.08 |
| COLLEGE GRANTS/SUMWALT LOANS: | |
| College Fund Savings - HNB | \$5,514.39 |
| Sumwalt Savings Account - HNB | \$4,087.97 |
| Loans Payable | |
| Organ & Renovations Loan | \$0.00 |



Pastor Seth Jersild
Notes for Quarterly Meeting Report
St. John's Lutheran Church
July 2021

- We'll be returning to communion at church with wafers and wine at the end of July. For a few weeks, we will not be coming to the communion rail at the traditional service, but will serve communion on the main floor, continuously.
- I have resumed a regular 9:30 a.m. Sunday school class (between services) in the basement Fellowship Hall. We are currently discussing the book of Ephesians.
- Starting in September, I will lead monthly Parenting classes during the Sunday School utilizing materials provided by our Youth Ministry Staff. The parenting topics will dovetail with what our youth are discussing through the "Axis" curriculum.
- For evening Bible Study, we're discussing the book of 1 Corinthians on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in rooms 103-4.
- Our *Going Deeper* small groups are currently discussing Worship and Praise with the Psalms. The next packet will be distributed on September 11th.
- In September, we'll be focusing on recommitment to Christian mission at St. John's with several special events at church.
- We're putting together an attractive doorknob-hanger invitation and mini-brochure for St. John's that we can distribute (by mail and neighborhood walk-through) to new families in Grove City. This will become one of my regular emphases in the coming years. Helpers in this effort will be much appreciated.
- Our youth education programs (Sunday school, confirmation, high school) continue in full gear, with many in-person activities starting up again now. Right now, all the younger children are meeting as one group for Sunday School. Separate classes for the different age-groups will resume in the fall. Online youth activities continue as well, with good participation.
- Vacation Bible School was held July 6-8 with good attendance. It was so nice to have a large group of youth meeting together again at St. John's! Thank you to our adult helpers, especially Christina Allman for her excellent leadership.
- We are excited to announce that **Mark Meuser** has formally accepted our offer to serve as St. John's Director of Music Ministry. Mark's first day with us at worship will be Saturday, August 14th. He'll accompany all our traditional worship services and direct our voice choirs. A big THANK YOU to Scott Hirth, Brady Stewart and Heather Stewart for devoting so much time and care to our organist search. We are delighted with the outcome!

- A tech team has been meeting and is assessing “big-picture” audio-visual needs and possibilities for St. John’s as we move forward.
- Promise Keepers, our men’s Bible discussion group, is meeting every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. in 103-4. Currently we’re working through 1-2 Samuel and 1-2 Kings.
- Hospitals and nursing homes are now much more open for pastoral visitation. Pastor Patti and I appreciate being notified when church members have been hospitalized or are dealing with health issues.
- My quest to visit all the member households of St. John’s has now resumed as a greater number of people are feeling less tentative about having visitors in their homes. This is a long-term goal and I’m confident about completing it.
- Staff and administrative duties are proceeding well.
- As always, I am available for conversation and/or pastoral care, any time (217.255.2118)

Thank you so much, everyone, for your faithfulness to Christ and your support of His Church!

Peace,
Pastor Seth Jersild

QUARTERLY REPORT JULY, 2021

Did you know that the word “pastor” appears only once in the bible as a description of congregational leadership? In Ephesians 4:11 the apostle Paul gives a straightforward explanation of the duties of a pastor. They are “to equip the saints for service.” Not an easy task, however, because in the course of “equipping” a pastor must assume many roles. Here are examples of a few of these roles over the last few months.

The Priestly Role – Worship

I have been able to take an active role in planning and leading worship. Selecting music for these few months for our interim organists has been part of my role. I have had ample opportunity to preach, administer the sacraments, and lead funerals during this time. Pastor Seth and I have both had an inordinate number of funerals, as the needs arise.

Pastoral Care and Counseling – Pastor

Pastoral calls both in homes and in the hospital is a sacred part of our ministry. Praying with those in time of need and reminding them of the presence of God amid their struggle is an honor and a privilege. Now that restrictions are being lifted in the hospitals, and as people are more comfortable with us in their homes, we have resumed with joy. Baptismal, crisis counseling, and spiritual guidance are also part of the role I’ve been able to fill.

Evangelism and Mission - Evangelist

One of the “lists” we receive each week is of who visited St. John’s and part of the task is to follow up with a note or phone call or visit. Prayer requests that come through our web page are also addressed.

Administration and Management – Steward

While it’s a blessing to be always “doing” ministry, there are the housekeeping tasks that require attention as well. Church Council meetings, Staff meetings, Long and short-term planning meetings, Budget conversations, writing reports, newsletter articles, and Hometouch articles all are necessary parts of communication and keeping good order.

Discipleship - Disciple

While it’s important to teach about personal devotion and self-care, it’s equally important to model it as well. Scheduling time for reading the scriptures and prayer apart from sermon preparation and teaching is necessary for God to speak into the daily life of what I am doing. Sabbath time is necessary as well, which is why a day off is critical for our well-being, as well as taking much needed vacation time. Having a discipline of prayer is crucial to staying grounded in God’s will and keeping the spiritual tank full. I can’t give what I don’t have.

This has been a grace-filled time as we continue to move forward into the life of the church.

Looking Forward in Faith, Pastor Patti

From: Laurie Pecuch
Subject: RE: Qrtrly mtg

This my quarterly report for July.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

I was on the third floor of the church when I looked out the window towards the playground. What I saw there brought tears to my eyes. Swinging on the playground was a mom and daughter. They were the very first ones to swing on the new swings! Nothing warms my heart more than seeing family together, enjoying each other, creating memories.

I remember Gregory Allen. He was a first grader who always had something fun to share with you. He was kind and loving. Greg had seizures. After one episode, Greg shared with his parents that he saw God and he really liked Jesus.

A year after his death, the Gregory Allen Memorial playground was constructed. Since then countless children have played on his playground. Whenever I see families there, I am reminded of Greg.

We are thankful to Greg's parents, Kim and Gary Allen, for this addition to the playground. We are also grateful to the family of Rita and Tom Lang who made a generous contribution to the swings in memory and celebration of the life of Tom's dad, Ed Lang.

Thanks be to God for family, memories, and swings!

By Laurie Pecuch

Business Manager Report

April – May – June

2021

- We started working with the Grounds Committee regarding removing old landscaping, replacing with new landscaping in the fall, and other exterior recommendations.
- New LED ceiling lights have been installed in the Education Building. This completes the replacement of almost all the old fluorescent bulb fixtures in the Family Life Center and Education Building.
- A solution has finally been found and is in the process of being installed to put up a transparent safety shield in the Sanctuary Balcony. It will provide safety and not block the vision of anyone sitting up there during services.
- Minor repairs and upgrades were completed in the Shelter House, including but not limited to updating the electrical panel, outlets, and ceiling lights. A new Magic Eye was installed on the outside of the FLC security Lighting System.
- As we are beginning to open back up, we are trying to get everything back on the church daily calendar of events.
- Future Item of Importance is the repair, resealing, and restriping of the parking areas July 21st and 22nd, 2021. Both lots will be closed all day on the 21st, and will reopen on the 22nd.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,
Michael L. Esposito
Business Manager